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1. (Currently amended) A midsole structure for an athletic shoe comprising:
 3. a first midsole formed of a soft elastic material; and
 4. a wavy plate assembly; ~~assembly~~ disposed at said midsole;

6. wherein said wavy plate assembly ~~is composed of~~ ~~comprises~~ a wavy board disposed on a lower surface of said ~~first~~ midsole, and a sidewall member ~~that~~ member,

9. ~~wherein said sidewall member~~ is provided discretely from said wavy board ~~and that~~ board, and

11. ~~wherein said sidewall member~~ includes a wavy bottom portion ~~disposed at and laterally~~ overlapping only a laterally-limited side edge portion of said wavy board adjoining a first side edge of said wavy board, and an upraised portion extending upwardly from said wavy bottom portion to face a side surface of said first midsole.
2. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said wavy bottom portion is disposed under said wavy board to support a lower surface of said wavy board.
3. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said midsole structure further includes a second midsole, which is disposed under said first midsole, and said wavy plate assembly is interposed between said first midsole and said second midsole.

1 4. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of ~~claim 3~~ claim 3,
2 further comprising a second wavy board interposed between
3 said first midsole and said second midsole, said second
4 wavy board being disposed under said wavy plate assembly.

1 5. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein
2 said sidewall member is provided on one side of opposite
3 ends sides of said wavy board [[and]] and, on the other
4 side of the opposite ends sides of said wavy board, an
5 upraised portion is integrally formed with said wavy board.

1 6. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 1, further
2 comprising another wherein said sidewall member is composed
3 ~~of a pair of sidewall members each member, wherein said~~
4 ~~sidewall members are respectively disposed on opposite~~
5 ~~sides of said wavy board.~~

1 7. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 3, wherein
2 said sidewall member include includes a downwardly
3 extending portion that faces a side surface of said second
4 midsole.

1 8. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said
2 sidewall member is formed of a different material than the
3 wavy board.

- 1 9. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said
2 upraised portion of said sidewall member is adapted to
3 engage a strap that wraps around an upper of the shoe.
- 1 10. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 9, wherein said
2 strap wraps around a heel rear end portion of said upper.
- 1 11. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 9, wherein said
2 strap wraps around an instep portion of said upper.
- 1 12. (New) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said wavy
2 board extends continuously laterally under said first
3 midsole.
- 1 13. (New) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said sidewall
2 member has an L-shaped cross sectional shape formed by said
3 upraised portion and said wavy bottom portion.
- 1 14. (New) A midsole structure of claim 4, wherein said second
2 wavy board has second wavy corrugations located relative to
3 first wavy corrugations of said wavy board of said wavy
4 plate assembly so as to form voids therebetween.
- 1 15. (New) A midsole structure for an athletic shoe comprising:
2 a midsole formed of a soft elastic material; and
3 a wavy plate assembly disposed at said midsole;
4 wherein:

5 said wavy plate assembly is composed of a wavy board
6 disposed on a lower surface of said midsole and a sidewall
7 member provided discretely from said wavy board,

8 said sidewall member includes a wavy bottom portion
9 overlapping said wavy board and an upraised portion
10 extending upwardly from said wavy bottom portion to face a
11 side surface of said midsole, and

12 said upraised portion of said sidewall member is
13 adapted to engage a strap that wraps around an upper of the
14 shoe.

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